

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2-9 from further consideration herein.

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

- A2
1. (Amended) Electromotive drive comprising:
- a housing, which has a shaft support, in which the shaft of a rotor is rotationally mounted;
- a stator having drive windings, said stator being
- 5 traversed and retained by the shaft support, whereby the stator is substantially retained in only transversal direction by the shaft support and connected with the remaining housing for transmission of torque in rotationally fixed manner; and
- 10 a base plate upon which the stator is arranged, said base plate being designed as a punched-out grid whereby transmission of torque moment from the stator to motor housing occurs via the base plate fastened in the housing.

Please add new claims 10-28 as follows:

- A3
- 11 ~~10~~. (new) An electromotive drive comprising:
- a housing having an upwardly extending shaft support;
- a base plate essentially rigidly attached to the housing;
- 5 a stator which essentially surrounds the shaft support, said stator further being essentially rigidly attached to the base plate whereby torque transmission occurs from the stator to the housing across the base plate;
- a shaft rotatably arranged within the shaft support;
- 10 a rotor essentially rigidly attached to the shaft and essentially surrounding the stator; and
- a coupling which couples the stator with the shaft support, said coupling being essentially incapable of transmitting torque therebetween.

~~12.1~~¹³ (new) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim ~~11~~¹² wherein the coupling includes a viscous medium disposed in the gap.

~~14.15~~ (new) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim ~~11, 12~~ wherein the coupling includes at least one flexible element which essentially bridges the gap.

~~16~~¹⁷ (new) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim ~~14~~¹⁵ wherein:

5 the at least one flexible element includes an O-ring
retained in said grooves.

18.9 (new) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim 17, wherein the means for torque coupling includes at least one of a surface roughening, a denticulation, and a

fluting, said torque coupling means operating in conjunction
5 with a press-on pressure between the base plate and a
surface of the motor housing.

~~19~~²⁰ (new) The electromotive drive as set forth in
claim ~~17~~¹⁸ wherein the base plate further includes a
punched-out grid.

~~20~~²¹ (new) The electromotive drive as set forth in
claim ~~19~~²⁰ wherein the means for torque coupling further
includes at least one conductor tract of the punched-out
grid.

~~21~~²² (new) The electromotive drive as set forth in
claim ~~20~~²¹ wherein the conductor tract additionally serves
for establishing electrical contact between the housing and
the stator.

~~22~~²³ (new) The electromotive drive as set forth in
claim ~~21~~²² wherein the base plate further includes a plastic
extrusion coating.

~~23~~²⁴ (new) An electromotive drive comprising:
a housing having an upwardly extending shaft support;
a base plate essentially rigidly attached to the
housing;

5 a stator which essentially surrounds the shaft support,
the stator and the shaft support together defining a gap
therebetween, the stator further being essentially rigidly
attached to the base plate;

a shaft rotatably arranged within the shaft support;
10 a rotor essentially rigidly attached to the shaft and
essentially surrounding the stator; and

a coupling which couples the stator with the shaft
support, said coupling being essentially incapable of
transmitting torque therebetween.

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24.25 (new) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim 23, wherein the coupling includes a viscous medium disposed in the gap.

25.26 (new) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim 23, wherein the coupling includes at least one O-ring arranged in the gap.

26.27 (new) The electromotive drive as set forth in claim 23, wherein the coupling includes a vibration damping means for damping vibrations of said stator.

27.28 (new) A pump motor, operant in conjunction with a pump for a hydraulic system of a motor vehicle, the pump motor comprising:

- 5 a housing having an upwardly extending shaft support;
- a base plate essentially rigidly attached to the housing;
- a stator essentially rigidly attached to the base plate and essentially surrounding the shaft support;
- a shaft rotatably arranged in the shaft support;
- 10 a rotor essentially rigidly attached to the shaft and essentially surrounding the stator; and
- a coupling between the stator and the shaft support, said coupling being flexible and essentially non-rigid.

28.29 (new) The pump motor as set forth in claim 27, wherein:

- the stator and the shaft support together define a gap therebetween; and
- 5 the coupling is disposed within the gap.

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